

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

As a preliminary matter, the Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for extending the courtesy of a personal interview with Applicant's representative on June 19, 2006. During the interview, Applicant's representative described the invention and discussed the differences between the claimed invention and the cited prior art. In particular, the interview discussion focused on U.S. Patent No. 5,434,591 to Goto *et al.* ("Goto"), and on features of the present invention that are not disclosed or suggested by Goto. In addition, possible amendments to the claim language were discussed to further clarify the invention.

Summary of the Response

By the foregoing amendment, claims 12-14 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 have been previously canceled. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9-14 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2006, claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9-14 were rejected as being anticipated by Goto under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 12 and 13 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that "[i]t is not clear what constitutes data that is substantially equal to a minimum number of the plurality of points required to recognize the image." It is noted that claims 12-14 have been

amended. To the extent the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicant hereby traverses the rejections, as follows.

Formal Matters

Regarding the rejection of claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, it is respectfully submitted that claims 12 and 13 have been amended responsive to the rejection. The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 12-14 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 12-14, as amended, the Applicant respectfully submits that Goto fails to disclose or suggest at least the feature of the present invention of “classifying vector data, indicating a plurality of points for displaying the image, into a first group of data and a second group of data . . . the number of plurality of points included in the first group of data is substantially equal to a **predetermined number of points to define lines for constructing the image**, and the second group of data comprising supplementary points for supplementing the first group of data to display a more precise **construction of the image**,” as recited in amended claim 12, and in the similar language in amended claims 13 and 14. (Emphasis added).

For at least these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-14, as amended, are allowable over the cited art.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9-11 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 2,4,5,7 and 9-11, the Applicant respectfully submits that each of these claims depends from one of allowable claims 12 and 13, and is therefore

allowable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

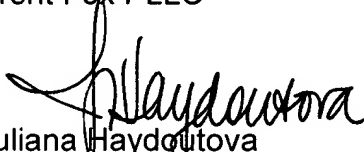
For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 107156-00080.

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